

**REMARKS**

This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action – Restriction and/or Election Requirement is being submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 20, 2007. Pending Claims 1-30 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement therein. Specifically, Examiner indicates that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

**I. Claims 1-28, drawn to a network monitoring system, classified in class 709, subclass 224.**

**II. Claims 29 and 30, drawn to a management mechanism for managing a network, classified in class 709, subclass 223.**

Examiner indicates that this restriction requirement is proper as Inventions I and II are related as a combination and subcombination, and separate search, examination, and consideration are required for each.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect **Invention I: Claims 1-28, drawn to a network monitoring system, classified in class 709, subclass 224**, with traverse.

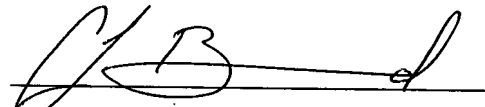
Applicants submit that Inventions I and II are not related as a combination and subcombination, but rather as a mechanism for forming a management mechanism for managing a network and resulting management mechanism for managing a network, and separate search, examination, and consideration are not required for each. The search and inquiry related to Invention I necessarily encompasses the search and inquiry related to Invention II.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants would like to thank Examiner for the attention and consideration accorded the present Application. Should Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place the Application in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact undersigned Counsel at the telephone number, facsimile number, address, or email address provided below. It is not believed that any fees for additional claims, extensions of time, or the like are required beyond those that may otherwise be indicated in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if such additional fees are required, Examiner is encouraged to notify undersigned Counsel at Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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